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Memorandum to: The Ambassador
From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Electoral Prospects Viewed through Allende's Prism

[REDACTED] associate of Allende's was asked the following questions and replied as indicated:

- Q: Does ALLENDE believe that widespread "fear" of his election will in itself cost him votes?
- A: He is not overly concerned about it.
- Q: How does ALLENDE really view ALESSANDRI's chances in the elections?
- A: ALLENDE believes that he, ALLENDE, will win the elections. (JEREZ, one of ALLENDE's campaign managers, believes that ALLENDE will "not become president." He might conceivably win the popular vote. Perhaps he could even win in the congress. Something else will happen to prevent his becoming president).
- Q: Does ALLENDE think ALESSANDRI has support among socialist sympathizers and the poor?
- A: No. ALLENDE thinks he has the poor areas sewed up for himself. Ditto the socialist sympathizers.

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Q: What percentage of PR votes does ALLENDE think ALESSANDRI will get?

A: ALLENDE expects to retain 50% and lose the other 50% to ALESSANDRI.

Q: What is ALLENDE's strategy as far as TOMIC goes. Ignore him or attack him?

A: Ignore TOMIC. ALLENDE hopes that TOMIC, as his chances of winning become more improbable, will lose voters who won't want to waste a vote on a loser. ALLENDE expects he will get those votes rather than ALESSANDRI.

Q: Is ALLENDE realistic about his chances?

A: Yes. He seems to be quite calculating and sensible in his analysis and actions.

Q: How does ALLENDE feel about PCCh guidance and support?

A: ALLENDE is very confident of PCCh support and has no complaints that are known. He regards his support from the PCCh as being for him personally rather than for his party.

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